

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, making reference to paragraph numbers in the published application:

Before [0001], insert:

Background of the Invention

[0001] The invention is a string shaped device ~~as per~~ ~~claim 1~~, preferably for use as a cable for the transfer of communication signals, control signals, power, or for heat sensing.

Between [0002] and [0003]:

~~BACKGROUND Description of Related Art~~

Between [0014] and [0015]:

~~OBJECT Summary of the Invention~~

Between [0023] and [0024], delete: THE INVENTION.

[0024] The invention is directed to a string device having a passive structural core element formed of an electrically insulating material and which is of generally cylindrical or polygonal cross section, and at least two active longitudinal elements, each of the elements being capable of transferring at least one of an electrical signal, an optical signal, a pneumatic signal and electrical power. ~~described by claim 1. Further primary and subsequent features of the invention are described by the other claims. The linear, active performing element may be one or more conductors positioned in linear slits in the core element, as the conductors are accessible from the outer surface of the core.~~

Between [0041] and [0042]:

~~EXAMPLE Brief Description of the Drawings~~

Between [0047] and [0048], insert:

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

IN THE DRAWINGS:

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Replacement Sheet attached hereto.

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